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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting with Dr. Wheelon [] on
29 October 1965

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1. I met with Bud Wheelon [] this morning. I explained the urgency of getting the BW/CW proposal up for a decision. Bud essentially agreed with this and signed the memorandum but asked me to discuss it with Col. White and to indicate that we need program approval but that we would not jump off any roofs if it were turned down.

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2. We discussed future participants at the dining-in meetings. I also related our discussion with Mr. Bissell.

3. We talked at some length about a charter on R&D, particularly as it relates to the Life Sciences. I made it clear to Bud that we have a number of capable people available for recruitment but face a serious shortage of funds at the end of this year and in next year's budget. Dr. Wheelon recognizes this. I told him that the Agency must decide whether it is going to support this kind of program or continue to ignore the problem. Further, I indicated I was not interested in a non-viable area known as Life Sciences which exists primarily for show purposes. Wheelon feels that the decision on the R&D charter will likely be made within the next month at which time it is his intention to give us the assurances we need on the program. He does not know, however, how the R&D charger matter will be resolved. [] is somewhat pessimistic about it. In any event, Bud suggested that I go ahead with recruiting.

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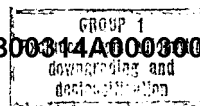
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